

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, March 23, 1727.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, March 16.

Paris, March 22.

THE last Courier from Vienna, among other important Dispatches, brought an Account, that the Duke de Richlieu our Ambassador there, had hired an House for some Time; which gave Reason to believe that there was some Appearance of the Emperor's Desire to continue Peace, rather than irritate a confused War. Letters from Turin mention, that the King of Sardinia has not yet fully explained himself on the present Juncture; in the mean time Preparations are making for an Encampment of the French Troops. Thursday last the Prince de Tiquet received from his Majesty's Hand the Battoon as Field-Marshal of France, with the Title of *Marshall of Luxemburg*; which Place, in case of an open Rupture, he is (as 'tis said) to besiege.

London, March 16. They have begun to repair the King's Statue in Grosvenor Square; and we hear Sir Richard Grosvenor has promised a Reward of 100 Pound to any that shall discover the Villains concerned in defacing the said Statue.

The University of Oxford have resolved upon a most loyal and dutiful Address to his Majesty.

The new Levies go on so successfully, that the Dragoons are near complete; and the Foot Companies daily enlist great Numbers of young serviceable Men.

By many Letters from Petersburg we learn, that her Czarish Majesty is of late but little seen, goes seldom abroad, and declines daily in her Health; she is frequently troubled with Fits of a Cholic, the same Disorder which her Husband died of, and is so sensible of the Danger she is in, that she has made a Will, in which she declares the Great Duke of Russia, Grandson of the late Czar, her Heir to the Imperial Crown of Russia; and has desired the Roman Emperor to accept of being his Guardian; she names a Regency during the young Prince's Minority, which Regency to consist of the Duke of Holstein, as President, and many Nobles; without the Consent of whom the young Prince is not to act:

and the disposal of him in Marriage to her youngest Daughter.

The Czarina has added a Pension of 20 Thousand Rubles a Year to the Duke of Holstein's Revenue.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, March 16.

London, March 16. On Tuesday Mr. Crawford, one of his Majesty's Messengers, arrived here with Dispatches from his Excellency Horatio Walpole, Esq; his Majesty's Ambassador, from the Court of France.

Several Mortar-pieces of a new Invention have been put on board the Transports design'd for the Mediterranean, in order to an Essay of their Efficacy on the Spanish Sea-port Towns.

Orders are gone to Hanover for getting ready the King's Equipages, his Majesty designing, as we hear, after the Example of his Predecessor King William III. of immortal Memory, to take upon him the Command in Person of the Confederate Army in Flanders.

We hear that the Earl of Portmore has a Power given him to fill up all the Commissions that shall become vacant in the Regiments at Gibraltar.

There are no Advices from Gibraltar fresher than these we have communicated, of the 17th of last Month, O. S. And therefore, the pretended Accounts from Ireland which have been published, are by no means to be depended on.

From the Evening Post, March 16.

Vienna, March 8. The Affair of the Succession of the Dutchies of Bergues and Juliers, gives the Imperial Court much Trouble: The Elector Palatine did at first come easily into that Project, but the Princes of Deuxponts have found Means, by strong Representations, to make him alter his Sentiments.

Paris, March 22. 'Tis talked that the Journey of the Court to Compeign, is not to take Place this Summer, but that his Majesty will take the Diversion of Hunting at Rambouillet as last Year. The Queen continues in perfect Health, and walks every Day about her Chamber. One Thousand Engineers have offered their Service to the Govern-

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ment, but no more than 200 were accepted. Mr. Vandrecourt, is appointed one of the Commissioners of the War Office, for examining and admitting such Surgeons as are duly qualified for serving in the Hospitals of the Army, if we have a War.

Portsmouth, March 14. Yesterday in the Evening about 5 o'clock, a Pinnace belonging to his Majesty's Ship the Prince Frederick, unfortunately overfet by the Carlsnaess of the Seamen on board, in Number 19 Men and one Woman, by which Accident 14 Men and the Woman were drowned; but a Ship's Boat coming by at the same Time, took up seven, who are in a fair Way of Recovery; it seems they were all very much in Liquor.

Two 6th Rate Men of War, are to be commissioned for Bomb Vessels.

From the Daily Journal, March 16.

Petersburg, Feb. 24. Prince Menzicoff is ordered to review forthwith the Regiments in Livonia, Courland, Estonia, and Ingermanland; and immediately after the said Review, the 12,000 Men the Czarina furnishes the Emperor with, are to march for Germany under the Command of Prince Hesse-Romburg. A prodigious Number of Warlike Stores are sending to Riga, where great Preparations for a Campaign are making, and the Czarina designs to augment her Troops with about 70,000 Men, and intends to make a numerous Promotion of Officers in the Month of April next. The Number of Sailors to be employed on board our Fleet, is to be 13,500, including Officers. Major General Synawin has discovered near Sleutelberg, a Quarry of Marble, little inferior to that of Italy.

Stockholm, March 4. This Court having under certain Conditions, acceded to the Terms of the Hanover Alliance, a Courier is sent to London to acquaint the Court of Great Britain therewith.

From the Flying Post, March 15.

London, March 16. Some private Letters out of Germany say, That the King of Prussia is very angry with the States General, supposing that they hinder, under hand, his having Bergen and Joliffe's settled upon him by the Elector of the Palatinate and his Heirs; which Dutchies adjoining to that of Cleves, which joins to Guelderland, would make the King of Prussia very formidable on that Side, and Master of the Rhine up as far as Cologne. They write that he has given Orders to his Envoy at the Hague to declare to the States, That if the

Affair of the Succession of the Estate of the late K.

William, be not terminated in three Months, he will march his Troops, and take Possession of all he pretends belongs to him.

'Tis likely that these Threatnings of the King of Prussia, have caused the many Conferences which the Deputies of the States have lately held with the English and French Ministers at the Hague; and that this is also the Reason of pressing Major General Keppel's Departure for Berlin, whither he was to go this Week.

The King of Prussia makes many warlike Preparations in the Dutchy of Cleves; and the Dutch have resolved to form a Camp of about 15000 Men, on the Mokerheath in Guelderland, to prevent any Surprise.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, March 18.

Since our last arrived a Holland Mail.

THE Advices from Madrid relate, that on the 9th Instant the British Ambassador was to set out thence for Bayonne; That on the 8th Inst. at Night a Courier arrived there from Cadix, with Advice, That Don Antonio Castagnetta safely arrived there the 4th Inst. from Havana, with four Men of War, having on board about half of the Treasure; and that on the 7th Instant arrived in the Ports of Galicia Admiral Torres, with most of the Men of War and greatest Part of the Merchant-Ships, with the other Moiety of the Treasure, and which in all, consists of Eighteen Millions of Pieces of Eight.

Mean Time they add, That one Man of War, and three Merchant Ships of the Fleet were wanting, so that we hope, they may become a Prey to the English, though the rest had the Fortune to Escape; which Causes much Discourse in most Conversations, particularly with Respect to the Diligence and Conduct of those appointed to prevent in this Crisis of Danger, the Spanish Flota from returning home, and thereby to have broken and defeated the Measures concerted in the new Alliance.

The Court of Madrid we are told, is under an exceeding great Joy, that their Riches are come safe home; and that since, they have dispatched Orders to all the Sea Ports of Spain, for seizing all the Effects belonging to the British Subjects residing in Spain, or to their Correspondents in England. That the Duke de Liria was now going in all haste as Ambassador from Spain to the Court of Petersburg.

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burg. Whence it is advised, That a Machine was invented for breaking of the Ice, in order to disengage the Men of War and Gallies, and to put them out to See much sooner than they have been able to do hitherto.

The Emperor proposes to have a formidable Army of Auxiliaries in Lower Saxony, as also another upon the Rhine, and has demanded of the Empire their Contingent, on the same Foot as it was stipulate in the Year 1702, and 1704.

Our Portugal Merchants have Petitioned the Government for Ships of War to secure the Trade, and two are fitting out with all Expedition, to cruise as stationed Ships on the Coast of Portugal.

Several Transports ly at Houlage, to carry Provisions and Ammunition, as also a Detachment of Montrosses (They who work and take Care of the Cannon) under the Command of Captain Richards for Gibraltar; for which Place, the ten Companies of the first Regiment of Foot Guards, will (we hear) set out next Tuesday from London.

Mean Time the Relations given of the Siege were very odd. The Spanish General they say, has signified to his Court, That the Garrison make a vigorous Defence, and were resolved to stand out to the last Extremity. But that he hoped to oblige the Governour to capitulate, as soon as the Batteries were all finished. On the other Hand, 'tis said the Hostilities committed at Gibraltar were unknown at Alicante the 2d Inst. N. S.

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole is very much indisposed of the Gout. Admiral Graydon, who was sent Commodore in 1701, but for some Misdemeanor, was discarded upon his Return, departed this Life last Sunday, at his Seat near Canterbury.

Yesterday the Commons went through the Bill for paying off 1,100,000 L. of the publick Debts; and ordered in a Bill for Sale of such forfeited Estates in Scotland as remain unsold, and for determining such Claims thereon, as are still unadjusted.

Nothing extraordinary this Day from the Parliament: But 'tis still more believed than ever, that Proposals will be laid before them for accommodating the Differences: However, we may depend that no Peace will be concluded, but what should be adjudged safe, honourable and lasting.

P. S. It is advised that Part of Admiral Wager's Squadron, were in pursuit of some large Ships, which are supposed to be of the Spanish Flota which

are wanting, and which are six in Number, according to private Letters from Amsterdam.

From the Flying Post, March 18.

Paris, March 22. Here is Advice, that the whole Spanish Flota is arriv'd in th' several Ports of Spain.

London, March 18. We hear from several Parts, that the Russian Ministers at most Courts of Europe give out, That the Czarina has owned the D. of Holstein as Hereditary Prince of Sweden; and that he will declare War and attack the Kingdom of Sweden, in case the King and the States come openly into the Hanover Alliance.

The King of Prussia has ordered 30,000 Men to march towards Wesel and Cleves. He has also given Orders to cut 20,000 Palisadoes in the Wood of Duytsberg, and forbid, on pain of Death, the Selling of any Palisadoes out of that great Wood, which used to furnish the Dutch with them. The States General hope however, that his Prussian Majesty will continue to live in Friendship with them, who have always strove to please that King, and who are such old Allies of his Family.

From the St. James's Evening Post, March 18.

Madrid, March 10. Yesterday the Duke of Liria set out for Petersburg, as Ambassador from the King of Spain to the Czarina; he goes by way of Barcelona, Italy and Vienna. The Marquis de Mari arrived on the 1st Instant at Alicante, on board a French Vessel from Genoa, where he has been for some Months, with a Commission from the King of Spain to buy Men of War: He purchased one of 70 Guns, which is now at Cadix, and had contracted for two more; but the Owners would not venture to send them to Spain, for fear of the British Squadron.

Hanover, March 22. 'Tis said the Emperor designs to have a formidable Army of Auxiliaries in Lower Saxony, to act against certain Princes in the North.

Paris, March 20. The Imperial Faction have lately spread a Report, which tends to the Disadvantage of the Hanover Allies; but no Credit is given to it. We are assured, that the King will declare this Week, against whom his Troops will act.

London, March 18. A Stop is put to the raising any new Regiments for the present.

From the Evening Post, March 18.

Paris, March 18. The Queen, who is with Child, enjoys perfect Health.



Hague, March 23. An Express from England is pass'd thro' here, for Vienna, with Orders from his British Majesty to his Ministers at that Court, to come away immediately. We hear that Orders have been sent by the Regency, to three of their Regiments which are in the Barrier Towns, to march towards Guelderland.

London, March 18. On Thursday-morning died the Lord Frederick Howard, Uncle to the Duke of Norfolk.

S. S. Stock, 98, 3 4ths.

From Miss's Weekly Journal, March 18.

Alexander Earl of Balcarras is made Captain of the Regiment commanded by the Earl of Stairs.

Some honourable Gentlemen of the Guards, allotted to go abroad, have *resigned*; and Others again have *changed*, they having something else to do. Several private Men have also *resigned*; but they have been so ashamed thereof, that they have not since thought fit to show their Faces.

London, March 18. On Saturday-night last the fine Statue of King George on Horseback in Grosvenor Square, was defaced, and partly demolished by some evil-minded Persons----- The Franchise was wrested out of his Hand and carried to Tyburn, where it was set up, with this Treasonable Inscription, *So Tyrants should be served!*

Edinburgh, March 24. We see in the French *Amsterdam Gazette* which came in Yesternight, the LETTER from Count Zinzendorf to Baron Palm, together with the MEMORIAL given in to his Britannick Majesty's Hands by the said Baron.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ That there is a VESSEL at North-Leith, 35 Foot the Length of the Keel, 14 Foot the Breadth of the Beam, 7 Foot and an half the Depth of the Hold: To be Roped and Sold on the 12th of April next, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, at the House of William Yetts Vintner in South-Leith, at the Foot of the Broad Wynd.

¶ That the Mansion-house of WOOLMET in the Parish of Newton, within three Miles of Edinburgh, with the Office-houses, such as Kitchen, Cellars, Brew-house, Stables, &c. with a small Inclosure for Grass, and several other Conveniences: Are to be sette, either in whole or in Part, against Whit Sunday next. Any Person who has a mind to see the House, &c. may enquire at David Steen. Rent Tenant at Woolmet.

§ That there is a Piece of PLATE to the Value of Twelve Pound sterl. set out by the Burgh of SELKIRK, to be run for upon the *Galla rigg*, near to the said Burgh, upon Wednesday the Fifth of April 1727, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry Eight Stone Troys Wt. giving the Saddle, Bridle and Whip to be Part of the Weight; the best of Three Heats, each Heat to be twice out and in, being four short Miles All the other Articles

as formerly, and to be seen in the Town Clerk's Hands. The Horses to run for this Plate, being Three at least, must be in the Town of Selkirk, and entered and book'd by the Town Clerk, Six Days before the Day of Running, together with the Colour & Name of the Horses: Which Horses so book'd, are to continue in Town from the Booking to the Running, and to pay Five Guineas of Inputs among 'em. There will be By-matches for Silver Spurs, or Saddles. Also the Day after the Silver Arrow belonging to the Burgh, is to be shot for either at Butts or Rovers, as shall be determined by the Magistrates.

¶ At Muirhouse, three Miles North-west of Edinburgh, there is a Fine Large STALLION (of the Coach-Kind) to serve Mares for this Season, at Half-a-guinea two Leaps and Half-a-crown to the Keeper.

¶ On the twentieth of April next, betwix the Hours of ten and twelve in the Forenoon, in the House of William Binny present Provost of Forfar; Are to be exposed to a voluntar Roup the Lands of QUARRELLHILL and NEW MILL, lying upon the Side of the Water of Southesk, in the Forest of Platen, in the Parishes of Tanadice and Outhlaw, and in the Sherifdom of Forfar. The Lands of Quarrellhill hold Blanche of the Crown, and are a Forty-shilling-land, having a Vote in the Election of Commissioners to the Parliament. And the Newmill holds Feu of the Earl of Strathmore for Payment of L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. Scots yearly. The yearly Rent of the said Lands is one Chalders of Bear, 42 Bolls of Meal, whereof 4 Bolls of twice sheel'd Meal paid by the Tenant at the Mill; L. 220 of Money, 75 Poultry, 24 Capons, and two good yearling Mill-Swine. Out of which is to be paid L. 44, 9 sh. 6 d. Scots to the New College of St. Andrew's as Teind-duty: And the L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. of Feu-duty before mentioned. The Conditions of Roup, and Progress of Writs, may be seen in the Hands of Mr. James Small, Minister of the Gospel in Forfar, or in the Hands of the Town Clerk of Forfar.

For the Publick Good.

There is to be STALLIONED at Leith, for this Season ONLY, a very valuable and fine Bay Horse, belonging to Mr. Morgan; at a Guinea and Half-a-crown, Leap and Trial.

¶ Whereas there has been lately spread about Town, a most groundless, false and malicious Report, as if NORMAND MACLEOD of that ilk had when in Town last Winter, lost considerable Sums of Money at Game; and as there is not the least Ground for such a villainous and calumnious Aspersion, These are therefore offering a Reward of Twenty Guineas, to any Person or Persons, who will discover the Author or Authors of so malicious a Story, so as they may be convict of the same, and on Application to the Author of this Paper, they shall have full Satisfaction.

¶ That upon the second Thursday of April next, being the 13th of the said Month, there is to be exposed to a publick voluntar Roup and Sale, (by Warrant and Authority of the LORDS OF SESSION) within the Dwelling-house of David Main Vintner in Glasgow, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 before Noon; The Houses, Shops, Cellars, Acres and Ground-annuals, lying in and about the Town of Glasgow, which belonged to the deceased Archibald Dennison Hammerman there, either in Whole or in Parcels. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of the Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of John Easton Writer in Glasgow, at his House near the Cross, any Time before the Roup.